

Nothing could better achieve their goal of ending hunting in the United States than a bill that federalizes wildlife management. Rather than having to promote their views in each of the fifty states, the anti-hunting community is seeking to have Congress preempt the field.

Those states that allow the use of bait in hunting do so because they have concluded that it is a humane method of hunting, that it meets the ethical standard of "fair chase," and that it is a necessary tool for management of their bear populations. H.R. 1472 places Congress in the position of being a wildlife biologist, making decisions for states on how certain wildlife populations must be managed. If Congress were to adopt this legislation, it would be placing itself in the position of having to address every issue pertaining to wildlife management, not just one method of bear hunting.

The NRA strongly urges you to oppose H.R. 1472 because of its attempt to preempt the authority of the states to manage resident wildlife. If you are a cosponsor of the bill, we urge that you reconsider your support for it.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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#### TRIBUTE TO JARVIS AND MARY JO RYALS

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a pair of selfless community servants from my district, Jarvis and Mary Jo Ryals of Pueblo, Colorado. As avid contributors to Colorado State University-Pueblo, Jarvis and Mary Jo are being honored with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

Long-time residents of Pueblo, the Ryals are widely known for their dedication to the community. They have supported the Pueblo Symphony, the Greenway and Nature Center and the USC Foundation. The cornerstone of their generous efforts in the community has been their support for Colorado State University-Pueblo. From gifts to the Hasan School of Business and the Buell Communications Center, to their help in establishing a professorship for Language and Leadership, the Ryals are always at the forefront of University philanthropy, working tirelessly on behalf of the institution.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent ceremony in Pueblo, the Ryals received the President's Medalion, symbolizing their distinguished service, high standards and values, and hard work. I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Jarvis and Mary Jo for their civic-mindedness and congratulating them on this prestigious honor. This recognition to Jarvis and Mary Jo for the work that they do in our community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring it to the attention of this House today. Congratulations and thanks again, Jarvis and Mary Jo, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Pueblo and Colorado State University.

#### RECOGNITION OF CLIFF FIELDS

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Cliff Fields of Jefferson County, Illinois. Cliff was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Cliff received this honor for his lifelong service to others. Whether it was his service in World War II or his work to bring business and industry to Mt. Vernon, he is known as an unselfish person who works tirelessly for the benefit of others. Fifty years ago Cliff founded the architectural firm of Fields, Goldman, and Magee. He has also served on the Summersville Grade School Board, Mt. Vernon Airport Authority, Economic Development Commission, Director for Mt. Vernon Savings & Loan and First Bank & Trust, and a Trustee for Mitchell Museum.

I want to congratulate and thank Cliff for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PORTER J. GOSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present today due to official travel overseas, as a result, I was not able to be present for rollcall votes 334, 335, and 336. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote 334 and yea on 335 and 336. I request that this statement appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD. Thank you.

#### HONORING FAY KASTELIC

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a truly remarkable woman. Fay Kastelic is an octogenarian from Pueblo, Colorado whose dedication to her family and years of selfless public service have set a shining example for those in her community. Fay has overcome numerous obstacles in her life and I am proud to recognize her many accomplishments before this body of Congress and our great nation today.

Fay was born in Bowie, Texas, where she developed a resolute work ethic while growing up in the midst of the Depression. She attended the University of Texas until her senior year, when she left to run a commissary during World War II. While working at the commissary, Fay met her future husband, Frank, and they were married back in Colorado when he returned from overseas. Fay raised her three sons in Pueblo and ultimately returned to school to finish her degree in education, ul-

timately progressing from classroom teacher to principal to district director for elementary education.

Fay's commitment to public service has continued well beyond her years as a teacher and administrator for the school district. She retired after 25 years of service to the school district after being elected to serve on the Pueblo City Council. Fay acted as president for three terms before declining to run in 1997 due to health problems. With help from her family and friends, particularly her twin sister, Fay made a remarkable recovery from cancer and was later named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce in 1998. While flattered by the honors that have been bestowed upon her, Fay remains committed to the Pueblo community. She continues to be an active participant on assorted civic committees.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Fay Kastelic today for her commitment to our nation. Fay embodies the spirit of public service and altruism that make our communities and our nation strong. I commend Fay for her lifetime of selfless public service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

#### RECOGNITION OF CLARA SONSINI

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Clara Sonsini of Jefferson County, Illinois. Clara was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Clara received this honor for her lifelong service to others. At the onset of World War II she left home and traveled to San Francisco to work for the government in homeland security. Later, Clara and her husband, Dan, moved to Mt. Vernon where they raised three children. Upon their high school graduation she began work at a local nursing home as a nurse's aid and eventually as activity director. Clara's other numerous community activities include Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, YMCA volunteer, grade school homeroom leader, president of the PTA, and American Cancer Society and Red Cross volunteer. She remains vigorously involved with the St. Mary's/Good Samaritan Regional Health Center Auxiliary.

I want to congratulate and thank Clara for all she has done and will continue to do for the people in her community. She is a saint to all who know her and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

#### HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF COMMANDER STEVEN J. FUQUA

#### HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute today to CommanderIM Steven J. Fuqua, who is retiring this summer from the United States Navy after 20 distinguished